

GO: Go With

Week 3 – May 30, 2021

Scripture: Mark 3:16-17 and John 20:19-31

Grab your Bible and a few people to connect with. Look up the verses below and share your thoughts. It's that easy!

Share: Do you dream about going on a mission trip? Share why this particular need or people group touches your heart.

Read Mark 3:16-17 and John 20:19-31 together: Take turns reading if you prefer. Enjoy the different Bible translations we each read.

Discuss the following context:

Jesus wants to transform us from people who are tempted to separate ourselves from others who do not think and believe like we do, to people who reflect the amazing love, grace and kindness of God in what we say and do. The impulse, drive and passion to “Go” comes from a person who looks in the mirror and sees “one who Jesus loves”. Our lives are an outward expression of an internal explosion of love from God, for God, and for others.

When God sees needs that can only be met by people who are living a “Go” life as followers of Jesus, He asks the question, “Who do I have?”. If we are to truly be the hands and feet of Jesus (as we often say), we must first see, feel and value what He sees, feels, values. We must have His heart. Then we can live as answers to the cries and prayers of a world in need.

Share your thoughts about following questions:

1. When Jesus appointed His 12 disciples He gave a few of them nicknames. To Simon He gave the name Peter, and to James and John He gave the name Boanerges meaning “sons of thunder” (Mark 3:16-17).
 - a. If “sons of thunder” was descriptive of John’s disposition, consider that he went on to write the gospel of John where the word “love” appears 57 times, more than the other three gospels combined. John is an example of transformation through love from God, for God, and for others. What else do you see in this change from a “son of thunder” to the “apostle of love”?
 - b. Peter, James and John’s nicknames were an indication of their eventual leadership based on their experiences during Jesus’ ministry. How can a nickname be helpful or hurtful?
2. John gave himself a new nickname (“one who Jesus loves” John 20:2) and his identity was changed. When John saw himself different, it changed what he saw, what he felt, what he valued, and what he did. He became the disciple who testified and recorded what Jesus did (John 20:30-31).
 - a. When it comes to the source of our identity, where else other than in Christ do you sometimes look to find your identity?
 - b. Describe at least one part of your life that would be different if you were able to truly grasp your God-given identity.
3. Knowing God and experiencing His love more deeply comes when we move outside of our comfort zone, following Him down new paths. Do you agree or disagree? Why?

Pray together: Ask each other to share what is on your heart today. Thank God that when we see what Jesus sees, feel what Jesus feels, we can begin to love as Jesus loves. Considering the needs of our neighborhood, our community, our city, our world – when God asks Himself “Who do I have?” – pray, asking to be the hands and feet of Jesus. Ask Him for the impulse, drive and passion to “Go”. Praise God that we are the “one who Jesus loves”.